

BEIGHTON WITH MOULTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Joseph Wright (Chairman), Ivan Cator, Valerie Mack, Kathleen Ashcroft, Edgar Matthews, Allan Wright, Sophie Young, Jessica Jennings(Clerk)

Plus 3 members of the public.

1. Attendance

All present, no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

3. Public Forum

NB Due to Coronavirus concerns, Brian Iles & Grant Nurden were asked to send reports rather than report in person.

3.1 County Councillor's Report – none received

3.2 District Councillor's Report – read out on behalf of Grant Nurden:

- BDC held its 3rd virtual meeting on 30th July and approved their recovery plan for the Covid-19 Crisis. It also approved its Environmental Strategy, with a plan of action to address climate change.
- to participating in the Norfolk 75% business rates retention pilot. Also underspend on resources and good returns on investments.
- Waste services – contract with Veolia due to expire early 2022. SNC/BDC looked at other options. A business case was prepared to establish a tekel compliant Local Authority Trading Company to take over the services at both Councils. BDC think best value for residents will be through a competitive tender process, which will start in September.
- Confidence Campaign has been rolled out in the Marshes Ward.
- Solar Together scheme – a solar panel buying scheme which aims to help residents and small businesses in Broadland generate their own energy. More information and to register an interest at www.solartogether.co.uk/broadland Closing date for registering interest is 6th October.
- Community Heart Awards – nominations opened on 14th August.
- There is a £500 Member's grant available for equipment needed by community groups. Last year, it was spent on equipment for the Ayurvedic Indian festival in Halvergate and Junior Tree Wardens in Freethorpe.
- Andrew Moll is the new Clerk for Freethorpe Parish Council.

- ### 3.3 Playground – 2 parishioners raised the issue of the lack of an official playground in the village for the children and how by having one, it would create a communal area to meet up. They would like to see an area with swings and slides which would act as a draw to children.

Councillors explained that this has been discussed in the past and that there are many issues of safety, insurance, maintenance, and ownership to be considered. An area of land behind Hopewell Gardens, belonging to Clarion Housing, was mentioned as a possible suitable area. Councillor Allan Wright said he would find out more about it. Clerk to put this on next Agenda for further discussion.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2020 were agreed to be a true and accurate account and it was resolved that the Chairman sign them.

4.2 Clerk's Report

- Clerk had contacted Jackie Chambers at Norfolk Police to see if they would be able to attend any future meetings as there has been no attendance for some time. She responded that with 21 parishes to cover in this area they cannot make that commitment but she would try to attend the AGM and will keep the PC informed of crime figures for the Beighton area. No crimes recorded for period between June and end of August 2020.
- There is £1,197.08 of CiL money to spend by October 2023. BDC have given permission for it to be used to re-do the church path at Beighton. Discussed in Item 8.1
- The overgrown footpath on Ash Tree Road (Beighton FP3) has been cut and cleared.
- The invoice for the work that the PC offered to fund, as a donation, at Beighton Church was received and approved for payment by full Council. The total cost was £2,034.00 (£1,695 + £339 VAT). The PC had pledged £1,700.00. The VAT will be claimed back. The work included removal of pews and laying of new pammments).
- Employer's contribution to Norfolk Pension Fund has increased from 22.5% to 23% from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

5. Correspondence of Note

Clerk highlighted the road closure at The Green & Palmers Lane in Freethorpe from 7th September to 14th October, due to drainage works. Notices have been put on both the Website and Facebook page.

Norfolk ALC Wellbeing – Community Support postcard. Offers central support to people still shielding who may not be aware of help on offer. Can be ordered or printed off. PC felt that this was not necessary, as the parish is small enough for people to know who needs help. Will keep on file for future reference if necessary.

6. Planning

No new applications to consider.

Since the last meeting (May 26th), the Parish Council received 2 applications:

20201399 Manor Farm, Coxhill Road, Beighton – Construction of Free Range Poultry Unit

20201447 The Homestead, Morley Road, Moulton – Variation to change garage and car port to double garage.

The Parish Council had no objections to either and the Clerk responded accordingly.

7. Finance

7.1 The following payments were agreed:

Village Hall Hire	September Meeting	£ 19.00	Cheque
A L Shearing	Playing Field Rent to 11.10.20	£ 98.62	Bank Transfer
Norfolk Pension Fund	August / September	£ 100.40	Bank Transfer
Jessica Jennings	August / September Wages	£ 318.24	Bank Transfer
HMRC	August / September	£ 66.60	Bank Transfer
Viking Direct	Stationery	£ 34.66	Bank Transfer
Phoenix Build	Work at Church (Donation)	£2,034.00	Cheque

Total: £2,671.52

Bank Balance as at 28 th August	£5,292.92
Outstanding Payments	£2,671.52
Projected Balance	£ 2,621.40
Business Account Balance	£ 13,584.43
TOTAL FUNDS:	£ 16,205.83

8. Items for Discussion

8.1 Beighton Church Path – it was noted that the current path between the church gate and road is in a bad state of repair and needs to be redone and on a slightly different trajectory so that it is straight from the gate to the road. Work required would be to dig it out, place wooden gravel boards for the edge and fill with type one granite, leaving 2 inches for any future tarmac covering. Ivan Cator has provided a quote and Beighton Builders are in the process of sending a quote. Broadland DC have approved this as appropriate spend of CiL and all Councillors would be happy to spend it in this way, as the path is used by the community to access the church and footpath beyond. However, it was also discussed as to whether the work could be considered under the Parish Partnership Scheme and if the CiL could be used towards the Parish Council's 50% of costs if accepted under the scheme. Clerk to find out. Although the land over which the path goes is Norfolk County Council land, Highways have made it clear they will not fund the cost. It was also mentioned that the CiL money could potentially be used for any possible future play area.

It was agreed to wait until the quote from Beighton Builders comes in and see how it compares to the amount of CiL money left, which is £1,197.08 and then make a final decision.

8.2 Parish Partnership Scheme – the scheme delivers highway improvements (within strict criteria) with costs split 50/50 between Norfolk County Council and the Parish Council. Closing date for applications is 4th December and the decision date is March 2021. Based on previous discussions and information about having a SAM2 (Speed Awareness Mobile Sign) this was not followed up. Clerk asked to find out if CiL money could be used as, or towards, the Parish Council's contribution if they were to apply for the church path to be considered under the scheme.

8.3 Dog Fouling & Bins – it was agreed there were sufficient number of bins around the village and that current locations were ok. Some bins have been relocated in the past but relocation involves an application to Highways, apart from any bin owned by the PC on their own land. Broadland DC have had no reports of any of the bins being under used. It was also agreed that the problem lies with the people who don't bother to pick up after their dogs. It was mentioned that the bin in the Village Hall car park could be moved further along, as people

are still leaving dog poo around the site but it was also agreed that moving it wouldn't solve the overall problem. More signs asking people to use the bins were requested so they can be put up in more areas around the village. Clerk to order more, both metal and plastic. Will also put notices on Website and Facebook page.

- 8.4 Planning Applications – Councillors agreed that the current method of receiving planning applications via e-mail (Coronavirus has prevented both Broadland DC and Broads Authority from sending out paper copies) and sending their individual comments to the Clerk for collation and submission to the relevant body, should continue. This would stop the need for any extra meetings to be held for any applications that come in between normal Parish Council meetings. For any contentious applications received between meetings or those that need a lot of discussion, a planning meeting would still be called and paper copies of plans requested. It was agreed to add this to the Standing Orders to reflect this decision.
- 8.5 Traffic Issues – The issue of volumes and speed of traffic through the villages was discussed. High Road, Beighton had a lot of large grain lorries over the Harvest period. Ash Tree Road, Moulton, had a lot of excess traffic during the period that the road through Moulton was closed for Anglian Water, as drivers were using it as a short cut. This was made worse by another diversion off the Acle Straight at Halvergate, at the same time, due to an accident which sent all traffic via Halvergate and Moulton and resulted in a gridlock. Morley Road, Moulton, has had a lot of speeding incidents. It was recognised that often each incident is a one-off but is part of something more prevalent.

The Clerk explained that she had e-mailed Highways for information on traffic counting and the possibility of putting more roads under a 30mph speed limit but was told there were specific criteria for setting a speed limit, which don't apply to Ash Tree Road or Sandy Lane and therefore would not be considered. Norfolk County Council have not undertaken any traffic counts on request for many years and those that are done are related to large projects pre and post monitoring. As a result, the Parish Council are very limited in terms of options as to what can be done. It was suggested to use the Community Speed Watch volunteers to carry out checks. Morley Road, as it is in a 30mph speed limit, would be able to be monitored by the Community Speed Watch team but any roads not in a speed limit zone would not be covered.

- 8.6 Remembrance Sunday – confirmed that 2 wreaths need to be ordered and that the service will be held in Beighton Church.
- 8.7 Budget Review – Clerk advised that all spend was on target, with some areas coming in under budget. Admin was over budget by £200 but that was due to a transfer of cost from the Salary & Pension figure to the Admin figure. Clerk asked for confirmation of earmarked funds and capital projects. Councillors said there were no specific projects to note but that earmarked funds are important to keep for any that may arise.
- 8.8 Expenditure – Clerk gave Councillors a list of payments made since the last meeting in May and a list of pending payments to make them aware of spend as no meeting was held in July.
- 8.9 Shelroy Trust – Councillors agreed on the 2 recipients of the Christmas hampers from Shelroy Trust. Clerk to inform them.
- 8.10 Operation London Bridge – Location for Copper Beech. Item rolled over to next meeting.

9. Items for Next Agenda / Information:

- Play Area – any further information / research
- Hedge on Acle Slip Road junction with Beighton Road. Clerk to report it to Highways as it's obstructing visibility.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.41 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 12th May 2020, 7.30 pm, Beighton Village Hall

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J. Wright (Chairman)

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